

# THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

Towards a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector

Transforming the building and construction sector is vital to the success of the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to well below 2°C.

In 2019, the buildings and construction sector was responsible for 38% of energy-related global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the highest ever recorded, at approximately 13.5 billion giga tons of carbon dioxide – GtCO<sub>2</sub>. As global building stock rapidly grows, there is urgent need to take advantage of the short window of opportunity to advance climate actions across the whole life cycle of the buildings and construction sector. The choices made today will last for decades. Through radical stakeholder collaboration, the whole building lifecycle must be addressed, from building materials through operations, addressing adaptation and resilience of the built environment.

The **Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC)** is a major international initiative that aims to accelerate the pace, scale and impact of this transformation.

## WHO WE ARE

With 181 members, including 33 countries, the GlobalABC is the leading global platform for governments, the private sector, civil society and intergovernmental and international organizations committed to a common vision: **A zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector.**

Our knowledge products including reports and guidelines for keeping track and transforming the buildings and construction sector are available in our website. We channel visibility for the sector and are recognized as key influencer at international gatherings aimed at addressing urbanization challenges and climate change, such as the G20 and the annual Conference of the Parties.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

The GlobalABC aims to:

### **Be a global advocate and a catalyst to action**

GlobalABC advocates for market transformation and focuses on catalysing action by defining a carbon neutrality strategy for the built environment.

### **Be a trusted platform to set targets and track progress**

GlobalABC tracks progress in its annual Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction (Buildings-GSR), and its Building Climate Tracker, a new index to track progress in decarbonization in the sector.

### **Support countries in setting priorities and measures based on their situation**

GlobalABC develops policy guidance and global, regional, and national buildings and construction roadmaps outlining aspirational targets, timelines, and key actions for essential policies and technologies, and, offering a model for national and city-level buildings and construction roadmaps to support and raise the ambition of NDCs.



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## WHAT WE DO

Our activities are organized around five Work Areas, namely awareness and education; public policies; market transformation; finance; and building measurement, data and information.

Our products and activities include:

- **The Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction**, which keeps track of annual progress and highlights good examples.
- **The Global and Regional Roadmaps for Buildings and Construction**, which identifies key steps to put the sector on a sustainable path at the global level and in three major regions, namely Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- **Buildings and Climate Change Adaptation - A Call for Action** report, which provides recommendations and takes stock of tools for actors in the RBC sectors to implement measures and what to consider in setting up an adaptation plan.
- **Guide on Incorporating Buildings Sector Climate Actions in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**.
- **Adopting Decarbonization Policies in the Buildings and Construction Sector - Costs and Benefits**.



Visibility and advocacy

- **Built Environment and Cities Day at the Conference of the Parties (COP)** meeting under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. For COP26, the GlobalABC is closely working with the High-Level Climate Champions Team on the organization of a buildings and real estate pavilion under GlobalABC coordination.
- Side events at high level international gatherings, such as COP26 and Regional Climate Weeks.
- Regional Roundtables for best practice exchange and raising ambition levels.

## GET INVOLVED

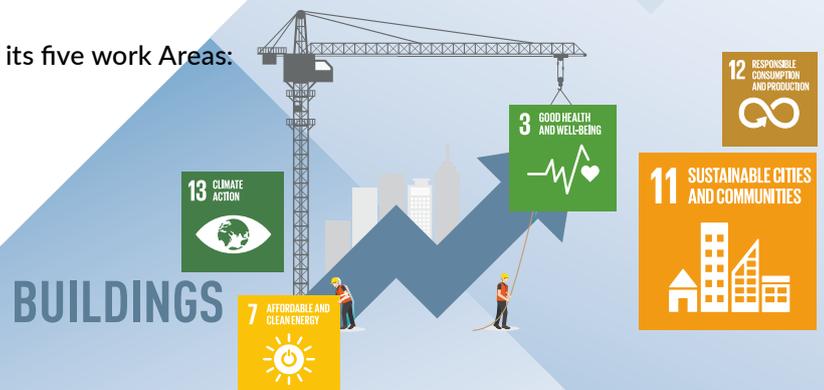
The buildings and construction sector must change, and indeed is changing.

By joining the GlobalABC, you can help shape this change, gain access to a vast network of likeminded champions, increase visibility of your

actions and actively shape key messages and tools that put this important sector on a climate compatible path.

Join the GlobalABC and engage in one or more of its five work Areas:

- 1 Awareness and Education
- 2 Public Policies
- 3 Market Transformation
- 4 Finance
- 5 Building Measurement, Data and Information



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